

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved a bill that would provide \$900,000 for the realignment of Mass. State Route 116 in Amherst, Massachusetts. Olver secured the funding in the FY08 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Appropriations bill. Olver is the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and HUD and worked in the Senate to secure this funding. The Senate must still approve its appropriations bill and then both chambers will have to approve a reconciliation bill. "This stretch sees quite a lot of traffic, and these blind spots and sharp curves have lead to numerous accidents," said Olver. This project is to realign a 9400 foot section of Mass. State Route 116 from the Amherst / Granby town line to the Amherst / Granby town line. Traffic volume in this area is high as a result of visitors and traffic from throughout the region, because of the proximity to the Amherst / Granby town line. ### For additional information, contact: Gilford B. Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works Town of Amherst